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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1, 2, 4 - 7, and 9 - 20 are pending of which Claims 1, 7, 15, 19 and 20 are independent. Claims 1, 7, and 15 are amended. New Claims 19 - 20 are added.

Claims 2, 10, 12, 16 and 18 were found allowable if rewritten into independent form. The allowable Claims 16 and 18 have been rewritten into independent Claims 19 and 20.

The Office action had rejected Claims 1, 5 - 7, 9, 11, and 13 - 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kishi (EP 1,065,650A2). Claims 4 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Kishi in view of Ohba.

Independent Claims 1 and 7 have been amended to include "wherein either the first voltage or the second voltage is a negative voltage." Independent Claim 15 has been amended to include "wherein either the first voltage or the second voltage is a negative voltage, and wherein the first voltage is supplied from a first power source coupled to the first signal line, and the second voltage is supplied from a second power source coupled to the second signal line." Kishi does not teach or suggest these elements and, as such, amended Claims 1, 7, and 15 are distinguishable from Kishi.

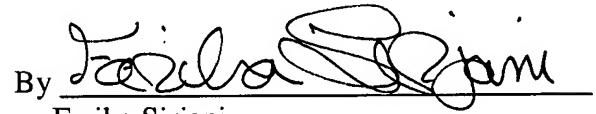
Claims 2 and 4 - 6 are dependent on Claim 1; Claims 9 - 14 are dependent on Claim 7; and Claims 16 - 18 are dependent on Claim 15. Ohba does not cure the deficiency of Kishi. As such, the dependent claims are believed allowable based upon their respective independent claims.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendment and remarks it is submitted that the pending claims are patentably distinct over the cited references and that all the rejections to the

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claims have been overcome. Reconsideration of the above Application and allowance of all of the pending claims is requested.

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